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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that according to the  
2 National Conference of State Legislatures' No Time to Lose  
3 report, the United States' public schools are falling  
4 dangerously behind the rest of the world when looking at a  
5 number of international comparisons, such as the Program of  
6 International Student Assessment. This renowned study and  
7 others like it finds that if the United States, as a nation,  
8 continues on this path, the United States will struggle to  
9 compete in the global economy, both individually as citizens and  
10 collectively as a nation. Although Hawaii's National Assessment  
11 of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores have risen continuously,  
12 the department of education still has much to do to be  
13 considered amongst the highest performing public-school systems  
14 in the United States. NAEP does not test all relevant skills  
15 needed to succeed; however, it is one of the best direct  
16 comparisons amongst states to compare the effectiveness of



1 public school systems in preparing their students to be  
2 internationally competitive.

3 The purpose of this Act is to establish a no time to lose  
4 commission to examine how the State's public schools can be  
5 internationally competitive.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
8 and to read as follows:

9 "§302A- No time to lose commission; established. There  
10 is established a no time to lose commission to examine how the  
11 State's public schools can be internationally competitive by  
12 examining common elements found in high performing education  
13 systems. The commission shall examine how the State can  
14 accomplish various educational goals that include, but are not  
15 limited to the following:

16 (1) Ensuring that every three- and four-year-old has  
17 access to quality early-learning education;

18 (2) Ensuring that the State's educational curricula are  
19 internationally benchmarked;



1        (3) Guaranteeing that each high school has a career and  
2        technical education curriculum that includes computer  
3        science studies; and

4        (4) Continuing to allocate funds based on a student's  
5        needs.

6        (b) Based upon effective operation practices of high  
7        performing public school systems, the commission shall consider  
8        the following:

9        (1) Individual teacher preparation time to allow teachers  
10       to adequately prepare for instruction the following  
11       day;

12       (2) Collaborative teacher preparation time to allow  
13       opportunities for similar-grade teachers to facilitate  
14       conversation regarding effective pedagogy and the  
15       creation of high quality lesson plans;

16       (3) Time for teachers to work with students who have not  
17       mastered any lessons;

18       (4) The rotation of principals and vice principals among  
19       the public elementary, middle or intermediate, and  
20       high schools in a designed complex area; provided that  
21       the commission shall also consider rotations based



1           upon where the highest need or demand for  
2           administrative support is so that principals are  
3           actively available to all teachers and students; and  
4       (5) The rotation time for principals and vice principals  
5           within complex areas to conduct non-punitive classroom  
6           observations; provided that the intent of the  
7           observations is to offer tools to increase  
8           professional growth and further develop effective  
9           teaching, based upon the highest need or demand for  
10          administrative support.  
11       (c) The commission shall be exempt from section 26-34 and  
12       shall include, but not be limited to the following members:  
13       (1) The chair of the house of representatives committee on  
14           lower and higher education, or the chair's designee,  
15           who shall serve as co-chair of the commission;  
16       (2) The chair of the senate committee on education, or the  
17           chair's designee, who shall serve as co-chair of the  
18           commission;  
19       (3) The superintendent, or the superintendent's designee;  
20       (4) A department of education principal, to be selected by  
21           the superintendent;



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- 1        (5) A department of education teacher, to be selected by  
2        the superintendent;
- 3        (6) A representative of the Hawaii Executive Conference,  
4        to be selected by its executive director;
- 5        (7) A representative of the Hawaii Community Foundation,  
6        to be selected by its chief executive officer and  
7        president;
- 8        (8) A representative of the Hawaii Institute for Public  
9        Affairs, to be selected by its president and chief  
10       executive officer;
- 11       (9) A representative from the Hawaii State Teachers  
12       Association, who shall be invited to be a member of  
13       the commission by the speaker of the house of  
14       representatives;
- 15       (10) A representative from the Hawaii Government Employees  
16       Association, who shall be invited to be a member of  
17       the commission by the president of the senate; and
- 18       (11) Other members as the commission deems necessary.
- 19       (d) The commission shall be exempt from part I of chapter  
20       92; provided that the department shall make available to the



1 public the minutes of all meetings of the commission on the  
2 department's website.

3 (e) The department shall be responsible for the  
4 administrative responsibilities of the commission, including but  
5 not limited to the posting of public notices, preparing agendas  
6 and minutes, organizing meetings, and reporting on the outcome  
7 and recommendations of the commission.

8 (f) The commission shall submit a report of its findings  
9 to the legislature, the chairperson of the board, and all  
10 complex area superintendents no later than twenty days prior to  
11 the convening of the regular session of 2022; provided that  
12 beginning with the regular session of 2023, and each regular  
13 session thereafter, the commission shall report any additional  
14 findings and progress toward the state public school system  
15 becoming internationally competitive."

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
19 the no time to lose commission established pursuant to this Act.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
21 education for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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**Report Title:**

No Time To Lose Commission; Established; Best Practices;  
Department of Education; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a no time to lose commission to examine how the  
State's public schools can be internationally competitive.  
Appropriates funds.

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